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SUBJECT: SAG DECREE ON HOTEL PRICES IN THE KINGDOM

1. SAG RECENTLY ISSUED DECREE FIXING HOTEL PRICES IN THE KINGDOM. FOUR CATEGORIES OF HOTELS WERE DISTINGUISHED, WITH PRICE RANGES ESTABLISHED FOR EACH.

2. MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC DIGEST (MEED) PUBLISHED PRICES IN OCTOBER 15, 1976 EDITION.

3. COPY OF DECREE WAS DISPLAYED IN U.S. COMMERCIAL CENTER. SEVERAL VISITING U.S. BUSINESSMEN, AFTER LOOKING AT FIXED PRICES, COMMENTED THAT THEY WERE NOT EVEN CLOSE TO ACTUAL PRICES.

4. SPOT CHECK BY EMBOFF INDICATED THAT THESE FIXED PRICES ARE INDEED NOT INDICATIVE OF REAL SITUATION.

5. VISITORS TO SAUDI ARABIA SHOULD BE ADVISED TO DISREGARD DECREE. THEY SHOULD EXPECT TO SPEND AT LEAST \$60 PER NIGHT FOR A SECOND CLASS HOTEL, AND DOUBLE OR EVEN TRIPLE THAT AMOUNT DURING THE HAJ- (PILGRIMAGE) SEASON.

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